FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Fertilizer and Pesticide Mixtures For Corn

Fertilizer manufacturers in 1957 will be permitted to distribute and sell fertilizer pesticide mixtures containing 8 or 10 pounds of aldrin or heptachlor per ton. These mixtures are recommended for the control of southern corn root worm, seed corn maggoot and wireworm attacking corn.

The following information gives analysis and amount of chemical per ton that will be available:

0-10-20 (8 lb. aldrin or heptachlor)
2-12-12 (")
3-9-18 (")
0-20-20 (")
5-10-10 (")
10-10-10 (")
6-30-30 (10 lb aldrin or heptachlor)

Appomattox farmers who have problems in getting stands of corn may want to use a fertilizer pesticide mixture especially on land following legumes or weeds in 1957.

Keep Glass Clean In Poultry House

Light has a stimulating effect on egg production.

VPI poultry researchers say the use of artificial lights increases production during the short days of winter. But often windows and light bulbs in poultry houses become covered with dust and little or no attention is paid to them.

It will pay to keep windows and lights clean so the extra light can help hens to do a better job.

Research points out the value of artificial lights with layers. Layers should have 13-14 hours of light per day for maximum production. After January 1st, this can be lowered to 11-12 hours. Lighting should consist of 40 watts per 200 square feet. Sighting should be bright'est over feeds and water.

Larger Units, Efficiency Keyword for Broiler Producer

Larger units, alert management, and increased efficiency in production are a "must" for every Virginia broiler producer in the months and years ahead, say agricultural economists at VPI.

Most of the broilers in Virginia, and in the United States, next year will be grown on some kind of incentive contract, the economists point out. Because of the incentives offered, efficient producers will tend to keep houses full in 1957.

But efficient production is not enough. Because of narrow margins, growers will need larger operating units. In many areas that compete with Virginia, so-called "integrated" operations are used. In these operations, breeding, hatching, feed mixing, rearing of the broilers, processing, and marketing are carried on under one coordinated management. They may be able to produce broilers at a lower cost than non-integrated operations.

Most integrated operations encourage production with larger units. Other things being equal, these larger units are more efficient and costs are lower. A second advantage is the chance to fit together production and marketing to assure a more orderly flow of broilers.

The economists say there is no assurance that one large integrated operation can be as efficient as a number of smaller independent firms working together for mutual benefit of the industry. In order to compete successfully, Virginia growers and feed dealers, hatcherymen, and processors must do a good job and work with other segments for the benefit of all.

With present large supplies and low prices, the economists see no immediate expansion in production. Broilers grown and marketed in 1956 in the United States were around 23 per cent above 1955. As a result, 195 broiler prices averaged 20 to 25 per cent below those of a year earlier. It is unlikely that prices will show much improvement during the first few months of 1957, although this situation can change rapidly if placements are drastically cut.

Dust Glad Bulbs Before Storing

Protect your gladiola bulbs from thrip injury by dusting with 5 per cent DDT soon after digging.

Thrips are small dark-colored insects which usually retreat into crevices between the base of the petals and the folds of the leaves. Stored corms often become infested and soon become sticky from the bleeding of injured tissue. Corms severely injured become corky and fail to germinate.

Treatment is simple. After digging, put the bulbs in a paper bag, add a little DDT dust, shake until evenly coated, then store as usual.

Finish Grain Storage Facilities By Dec. 31 For Fast Tax Write-off

Grain farmers and livestock producers who need additional facilities for storing grains are reminded that December 31 is the deadline for completing constructing on such facilities to get the benefit of fast tax write-off.

Under regulations now in force, the farmers are permitted to write off in five years the cost of construction, reconstructing or erecting a grain storage facility. The program became effective in 1953 and expires December 31 this year. Ordinarily, such structures are depreciated over the normal useful life of the improvements.

This provision could be very helpful to young farmers who must use borrowed capital to erect needed storage. Also, it should help the livestock producer who must have additional grain storage to permit bulk purchases of feeds.

Less Red Clover Seed Forecast

This year's crop of red clover seed is now forecast at 78,917,000 pounds, or 4 per cent below 1955, and 16 per cent below the 1945-54 average.

Main reason for the lower production is the smaller acreage for harvest this year, an estimated 1,079,800 acres, and the smallest since 1937 except in 1954. The presently indicated supply of red clover seed for 1956—that is, production plus carry-over — is 105,582,000 pounds, which compares with 97,792,000 in 1955 and the 1945-54 average of 116,537,700 pounds.

Gen. Lauris Norstad has assumed the supreme command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization' European forces.

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Oakville

Oakville, Dec. 3.- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bussey and daughter, of Roanoke spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Martin.

Mrs. Graydon Martin and Mrs. W. Clarke Moore attended the District Conference in Bedford last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mr. Harold Stratton have moved into their new home. It is about two miles from Oakville.

The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will have their annual Christmas party at the Oakville school Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every member is expected to be present.

We are having some beautiful weather now. Good time to get your Christmas shopping done, "ladies!"

We are very sorry to hear that Melvin Drinkard is sick again, We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher, of Dahlgren, and boys, Jimmy and Michael, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore.

Mrs. W. Clarke Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps on Sunday afternoon..

We hear that Mr. H. E. Kerr, the former principal of the Appomattox High School is in the hospital in Alexandria, where he is teaching. We hope that he will soon be well and out again.

Vera

Vera, Dec. 3.- "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

The year is rapidly coming to a close. We can hardly realize that it is December. Farmers are stripping tobacco and hunting.

The P.-T. A. meeting was held at Vera school on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night.

Mrs. Homer Reynolds was taken to the hospital in Lynchburg on Sunday. We do hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lester B. Harvey and Mr. Eddie Morris, of Richmond, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Monday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mrs. Willie Moses Monday night.

Much tobacco is being sold. The prices are right good.

Christmas will soon be here. The farmers are killing hogs and getting in their winter wood. Getting ready for the holidays.

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

The warm December days cause one wonder if it is can really be almost Mayhap we will yet have a "White Christmas." But as of this writing your editor feels more in the mood for the "Sunny South." Thinking along this line, when I opened up open the picture reproduced below. It was taken in front of the famous Alamo Museum in San Antonio, Texas, while Mr. Brightleaf and I were spending a happy vacation in that fabulous city. San Antonio is not only one of the largest cities in the South but one of the most charming, has a sizeable Mexican population, or, should I say, "Spanish Texas?" I think about 30 per cent. The city was founded by order of the King of Spain in 1730. The Spanish Governor's Palace, where early viceroys held court, stands near its entrance the Hapsburg coat-of-arms, and the dates. Many ancient landmarks remain, including four famous missions: Conception (founded 1716); Alamo (founded 1731); Espanda (moved to San Antonio in 1730); San Jose (1720). The latter is appropriately named: San Jose the Queen of Aguayo, and as "The Queen of the Missions" is widely known for its rose window, considered the finest piece of Spanish ecclesiastical ornamentation existing in America.

Mr. Brightleaf and I well remember the wonderful Chinese Sunken Gardens of San Antonio. It was once a quarry, and if you take the climbing up and down you will experience bontanical wonders, or if you cannot, just stop the rim and gasp at the beauty of vines and water lilies. We also visited the San Antonio Zoo for you almost have to do Sundays to see a genuine

Father Darkleaf at the Alamo

longhorn.

Heavens to Betsy, would I could revisit the Buckhorn Saloon and museum in San Antonio once more, and had a little exercise in the realm to invest in trophies! There are more hunters there, for example, than I ever existed anyplace. As far as I am informed, there are no military camps, bases and posts in and around San Antonio as any other locality in the United States. And so many on the way on in San Antonio I believe that this is a major part of the population. Speaking of get back to the picture in today's column. The rose of the truly great of all America. I am convinced that 1,000 persons nightly average, visit the Alamo before in this column I told the famous Alamo story of Davey Crockett, Bowie, Bonham, etc., with a band of men matchless heroes, with a mass of attacking Mexicans to fight for the independence of Texas, only to sacrifice themselves on the altar of liberty. Travis had 187 men, each of them about 5,000. The Americans were wiped out after they had kept up in the Alamo for a month after the Texans used the battle cry: "Remember the Alamo!" to win their freedom, and it is a long story in all American history than the sags of Davy Crockett, Bowie, etc. You can be thrilled I was to go in front of the Alamo and walk inside and visit the historic place and see all the famous relics

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Local Postmaster To Retire at End of Year

. . . E. Leroy Smith

After serving as local Postmaster for twenty-two and one-half years, E. LeRoy Smith will retire on January 1, 1957, after reaching the required age for retirement on December 25.

On June 1, 1934, Mr. Smith was appointed Acting Postmaster by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who later made the permanent appointment. Mr. Smith succeeded J. E. Dinwiddie.

At that time Appomattox was a third class office with annual postal receipts totalling $7,411.19. In 1936 the office was advanced to second class. As a result of large parcel post shipments made by local Garment Companies, the postal receipts mounted to $41,504.94 in 1950, which advanced the office further to first class. Postal receipts in 1955 were $83,946.60.

In 1947 the Post Office building was enlarged and remodeled to adequately take care of the growing business.

Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson came in the Post Office as clerk at the time of Mr. Smith's appointment, and still holds this position. Other clerks now are John T. Hall and H. W. "Billy" Conner.

The R. F. D. carriers serving at the time of Mr. Smith's appointment were Judson S. Kinney and Luther J. Morris, and the late J. Kline Pulliam, Thomas E. LeGrand. The present carriers are W. E. Hancock, William C. Hubbard, Reggie W. Stanley and S. A. Lawson.

Mr. Smith has been an untiring worker during his term of office, being one of the first to report to work at 6 o'clock A. M., seven days a week, and the last to leave in the evening.

During his tenure of office he possibly breaks a national record, having used only 10 days annual leave and not a single day of sick leave. His record shows 2,464 hours of unused annual leave!

Mr. Smith came to Appomattox County in 1907 when his late parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith, bought Mansmoth Oak Farm and moved here with their family from Washington County, Maryland.

Mr. Smith's first position after moving here was that of a teacher in the LeGrand School. He walked four miles daily to and from school, and received a salary of $20.00 per month. He was later interested in a number of enterprises in the county, among them the mercantile business. He served as a member of the Appomattox County School Board for 16 years. He is affiliated with the Monroe Masonic Lodge and has been active in the Appomattox Memorial Methodist Church. He is at present church treasurer and a member of the Board of Stewards.

He married the former Miss Addie Pace, of Halifax County, and they are the parents of one son, L. Pace Smith, of Falls Church; three daughters, Mrs. E. N. Brown, of Rockville, Md., and Mrs. Charlie J. Hunter and Mrs. James R. Redding, of this place.

The personnel of the local Post Office plans a dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Smith on December 29. The dinner will be held at the Appomattox Hotel, and will be attended by representatives of the Post Office Department from the Roanoke and Lynchburg offices.

—By: Mrs. J. R. Lawson.

Santa Claus Here Dec. 22

Santa Claus, in person, will make his annual visit to Appomattox on Saturday, December 22. Arrangements for the visit are being made through the facilities of the Appomattox Lions Club. The club will see that Santa has gifts to distribute to the children. The exact hour of Santa's arrival, and final details of the visit will be announced in next week's issue.

Blue Hornets Lose to VES

The Appomattox High School Blue Hornets lost a close basketball game to Virginia Episcopal School here Friday night by a 52 to 48 score. The score was close during the entire game, and only 2 points separated the teams with a minute to play. However, the Blue Hornets could not gain possession of the ball for an attempt at the basket. For Appomattox, the scoring was done by: Raymond Ferguson, 2; Raymond Massie, 7; Sandy Burks, 4; C. D. O'Brien, 1; Bradley Babcock, 13; Leon Edmunds, 1; Tommie O'Brien, 14, and Freddie Mitchell, 6.

This gave the Blue Hornets a 1 won, 1 lost record.

The schedule for this week called for: Rustburg here Wednesday night, at Brookville High on Friday night. A. H. S. plays at Buckingham next Tuesday, at Brookville Thursday and on Friday night, Dec. 21, plays the A. H. S. Alumni here.

Junior Varsity Opens With Win

The A. H. S. Junior Varsity opened its basketball season with a 43 to 35 win over the E. C. Glass Freshman team here Friday night. Scoring was made as follows: Jack Tibbs, 4; Bobby Conner, 2; Tommy Catlett, 2; Cecil Wooldridge, 20; Brian Thomas, 6; Charles Crawley, 1; Bill Caldwell, 4, and Steve Runkle, 4. The Junior Varsity meets Pamplin here Dec. 21, at 7:30 P. M.

Local Security Tr.p changed

Due to the Christmas season, Mr. James Barbery, representative from the Lynchburg district office of the Social Security Administration, will visit Appomattox on Monday, December 17 and will not be here on the scheduled date of December 24.

Mr. Barbery also pointed out that even though disabled persons will be 65 or over, who meet the requirements, are the only ones eligible for the disability benefit payments beginning July, 1957, it is extremely important that disabled persons under 50 years of age contact their social security representative to see if they are eligible to have their earnings record frozen to protect their future rights to benefits for themselves or their families.

There is one other category of potentially entitled persons that Mr. Barbery wished to call attention to. Women are now eligible for retirement benefits from Social Security at the age of 62 instead of 65. However, the lowered age stipulation does entail a penalty deduction for the working woman or wife of an insured husband if she elects to receive benefits before age 65. For details on this and other provisions of the Social Security Act, it was suggested that interested persons contact their representative.

Beginning January, 1957, the social security representative will be at the court house in Appomattox at 10 A. M. on the fourth Monday of each month, as previously scheduled.

HELP FOR HUNGARIANS

The public is reminded to send contributions at once to the Red Cross Fund for Help to the Hungarians. Appomattox County has a quota of $132.00. The Red Cross is helping to care for refugees, and needs extra funds for this cause.

Contributions may be left at the Bank of Appomattox, or mailed to Mrs. Mary S. Hudson, Fund Treasurer.

Local ASC Office Lists ASC Practices

According to the Appomattox ASC County Office, the initial period for requesting government cost-sharing for practices to be carried out during the 1957 program year is December 21, 1956. Farmers who file their requests by December 21 will receive priority over those who file after that date.

Conservation practices which are eligible for government cost-sharing are as follows:

1. Initial establishment of a permanent vegetative cover for soil protection or as a needed land-use adjustment.
2. Establishment of additional acreagea of vegetative cover in crop rotation to retard erosion and to improve soil structure, permeability, or water-holding capacity.
3. Liming farmland.
4. Contour strip-cropping.
5. Initial establishment of a stand of trees on farm land for erosion control, watershed protection, or forestry purposes.
6. Improvement of an established vegetative cover for soil or watershed protection by use of lime or fertilizer or both.
7. Constructing dams, pits, or ponds as a means of protecting vegetative cover.
8. Construction of permanent cross fences as a means of protecting vegetative cover.
9. Initial improvement of a stand of forest trees for erosion control, watershed protection or forestry purposes.
10. Initial establishment of permanent sod waterways to dispose of excess water without causing erosion.
11. Constructing open and tile drainage systems to dispose of excess water.
12. Constructing ponds for irrigation water.
13. Establishment of vegetative cover in fall of 1957 for winter protection from erosion.
14. Establishment of vegetative cover for summer protection from erosion.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE

The Selective Service Board office here will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, and 31, and on January 1.

Volunteers Are Listed for Visit Of Bloodmobile

J. Newton Jennings, chairman of the Red Cross Bloodmobile Recruit. ing Committee, announced today the names of volunteer workers who will work with him in recruiting blood donors.

Donor cards and information about the Bloodmobile Visit, set for Thursday, Dec. 27, at Liberty Baptist Church, may be secured from the workers named below. Mr. Jennings expects to enlist the services of additional workers throughout the county before Bloodmobile Day.

For Town of Appomattox: John Hall, Billy Conner, S. B. Buchanan, Ned LeGrand, Hunter Dickerson, Frank McCann and Newton Jennings.

Pamplin: Rev. Mason and Richard Williams.

Hixburg: William Hix.

For Virginia State Police: Sgt. L. L. Stanley.

For American Legion: R. D. Robinson.

Vera: J. B. Kearns.

Evergreen: Leon Paulette.

Spring Mills Section: Rev. A. C. Shelton.

Oakville: Curry Harvey.

Rocks Section: Mrs. John H. Ranson.

Carver-Price High School: Professor R. E. Patrick.

Appomattox Garment Company: Fred Lawson.

Stonewall: Martin S. Kraus.

For Transco: R. V. Leffers.

For Piney Ridge and the Burrus Lumber Plant: J. E. Tibbs.

For State Highway Department: Herbert Runkle.

Freak Deer Reported By Local Hunter

A local hunter got into the record book last Saturday, when he shot and killed a deer having clearly visible horn, only to find that the deer was a doe. John E. Glover killed the freak deer, and promptly took it to show the game warden. The deer weighed about 140 pounds, and a horn about ten inches long in the forehead. Hunting with Glover along the Buckingham County line were: Willie Watson, Thomas Watson, George Watson and Mr. Handy.

Wood Yard To Open at Kelly

The little town of Kelly, east of Lynchburg on Route 460 near Six Mile Bridge, will see a modern, fully-mechanized pulpwood, yard start operation on Monday, December 17. The spacious new pulpwood yard, built by West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, will purchase quality pine for the company's giant paper mill located in Covington, Virginia.

The pulpwood yard will incorporate the latest developments in mechanical unloading. A specially designed Hyster lift-trunk will unload incoming pulpwood trucks free of charge. Unloading will take only a few minutes. A 50-ton capacity Fairbanks-Morse scale with a fifty-foot platform has been installed at the yard to weigh incoming pulpwood shipments. Wood will be purchased by weight, assuring the pulpwood producer of acurate measurement and payment for each load delivered.

In announcing the opening of the Kelly pulpwood yard, Crawley Williams, Manager of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company's Covington Mill, said, "This move will strengthen the principal link between pulpwood producers, the local community and the Covington Mill. It will put more money into the pockets of local pulpwood producers and farmers. Payment will be on-the-spot and unloading will take only minutes by automatic hoist .. eliminating the hazards of hand unloading. Kelly area producers will also gain through an exact weight buying system rather than old-fashioned buying by the cord."

The new Kelly yard will offer farmers and wood producers, without any obligation, professional woodland management assistance and advice. This free service is supplemented by a staff of company-employed, highly-skilled forresters.

Pulpwood has been a source of income in Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell and neighboring counties for many years. The establishment of the Kelly pulpwood yard by one of the largest and oldest paper manufacturers in the United States will assure a continuing market and increased income for regular pulpwood producers and farmers.

Oakville P.-T.A.

The Oakville P.-T. A. will meet Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Elmer Greene will be guest speaker.

Monroe Lodge Elects Officers

At a Stated Communication of Monroe Lodge No. 301, A F and A F., held at Appomattox, December 10, the following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year:

James E. Beamer, Worshipful Master
Robert L. Bumgardner, Senior Warden
Hunt P. Hamilton, Junior Warden
James H. Lucado, Treasurer
J. Calvin Hudgins, Secretary
Elmer T. Beamer, Senior Deacon
William C. Hubbard, Junior Deacon
W. Dean Conner, Chaplain
Edwin R. Carter, Senior Steward
Wilson B. Gillian, Junior Steward
R. Bruce Haley, Tiler
Claude W. Smith, Marshal
Fred C. Smith, Reporter.

John L. Harison retired as Worshipful Master, having served during the Lodge year 1956.

Local Student In College Play

Martha Daily and Wilbur Maxwell had the leading roles in a recent production of the Emory and Henry College Theatre, directed by Dr. Marion Heal.

Maxwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell, of Pamplin, this county. He is a senior at Emory and Henry College.

The play, "The Skin of Our Teeth, was originally produced in 1942, starring Frederic March, Florence Eldridge, and Florence Reed, with Tallulah Bankhead as Sabina.

The play was an all-student production at Emory and Henry, and was presented on Friday night, November 30.

The performance was widely acclaimed in the college news publication.

This is only one of the many honors coming to young Maxwell during his college career.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 46 TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES

Members of Boy Scout No. 46, Appomattox, once again will be in the Christmas tree business this year. Scoutmaster Eames A. Powers has announced that the Scouts will have trees available on December 22 and 23, and that orders may be placed by calling the Frozen Food Locker, or Tom Holland, Eagle Scout. This is an annual project of the local Boy Scout troop, and it is urged that the public support the project by making purchases of Christmas trees.

BOY SCOUT DRIVE

A drive for the Piedmont Area Boy Scouts was conducted here recently under the sponsorship of the Appomattox Lions Club. A total of $274.50 was contributed during this worthy appeal.

Boy Scout Troop No. 46, Appomattox, is affiliated with the Piedmont Area Scout organization.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Monday, Dec. 17.- Barbecue on bun, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, sliced peaches, cookies, 1-2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 18.- Meat loaf, green peas, whipped potatoes, hot biscuits, jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 19.- Hot dog on roll with dressing, chili slaw, spaghetti, one slice cheese, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Thursday, Dec. 20.- Turkey, dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, string beans, hot biscuits, fruit jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Friday, Dec. 21.- Vegetable stew, with crackers, 1-2 cheese sandwich, apple sauce, hot ginger bread, 1-2 pt. milk.

ALUMNI AND VARSITY TO PLAY ON DEC. 27

On Friday night, Dec. 27, there will be a holiday basketball game at the local gymnasium, between the A. H. S. Alumni and A. H. S. Varsity. A preliminary game will feature Pamplin and the A. H. S. Jayvees.

Tickets are on sale by members of the Lions Club.